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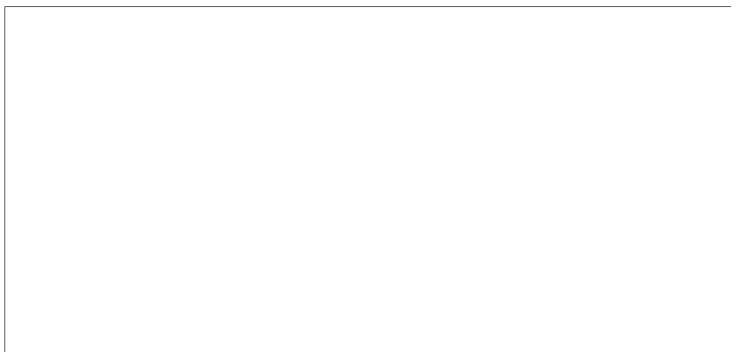
I found your report well organized and very interesting. I have had a number of requests from the office directors to see this. If you don't have any problems with disseminating this, why don't you get copies to all the DI office directors for their information.

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Background Information on Journalism and Espionage

Introduction

Investigative reporters and intelligence officers operate in basically similar ways. This is a logical result of having a similar objective of obtaining information that is not normally available to the public.

The primary difference affecting their collection methods is the lack of any stigma attached to journalistic inquiry, compared to the moral and legal inhibitions against spying. Reporters have legitimate, sometimes even praiseworthy, reasons for wide-ranging questioning. This gives them a mantle of respectability that spies lack.

This paper discusses the working methods of American reporters and foreign intelligence officers. It also compares their work with that of intelligence analysts.

In conclusion, it discusses the greater opportunities available to investigative reporters than to intelligence officers and some of the